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THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE, THE SOURCES SAID, DISCUSSED FOR ONE HOUR TODAY THIS PROPOSAL:

1. THAT ANY AGREEMENT WOULD BE FOR 10 YEARS INSTEAD OF 20, AS IN SOVIET PACTS WITH ROMANIA AND HUNGARY.
2. MILITARY CLAUSES OF THE TREATY WOULD BE EFFECTIVE ONLY IN EVENT OF WAR.
3. FINNISH ARMED FORCES WOULD BE USED ONLY WITHIN FINLAND'S BORDERS AND ONLY IN EVENT RUSSIA IS ATTACKED THROUGH FINLAND.
4. RUSSIA WOULD NOT PROVIDE FINLAND WITH ANY MILITARY AID UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY FINLAND.

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This press wire came to my desk while Mr. Munkki was here. I showed it to him. He said he thought points 1-3 would be easy, but that he didn't think the Soviets would accept No. 4.

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